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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Office Directors and NIOs  
FROM : Acting Presidential Briefing Coordinator  
SUBJECT : Presidential Briefing Topics for 18 April and Later

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- A. NIE 4-1-78
- B. Soviet ASAT Capability

2. The following topics are nominated for the 18 April Presidential Briefing:

- A. Operations Briefing
- B. President's Quarterly Report
- C. Soviet Compliance with New US Fishing Regulations (OER)

3. The following topics are in various stages of preparation for future Presidential Briefings. The responsible officer and tentative dates, if known, are shown:

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| A. SIGINT Capability (NSA)  | 25 April |
| B. Covert Communications (OTS)  |          |
| C. Monitoring a CW Ban (OSI)  |          |
| D. NIE 11-4-78 (NIO/USSR)   | 2 May    |
| E. Soviet Forced Labor (OGCR)   |          |
| F. <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1em; vertical-align: middle;"></span> |          |
| G. Political Ferment in Nicaragua (NIO/LA)  | 23 May   |
| H. Estimating SLBM Effectiveness--<br>A Soviet and US Comparison (OWI)  |          |
| I. Overview of Trends in the African Sahel<br>Belt (NIO/AF)   | 16 May   |
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| K. Soviet Launch on Warning Capability (OWI)  |          |
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| M. Prospects for the International Oil<br>Market (OER)  | 25 April |

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- N. Military Lessons Learned About Performance of Soviet and Cuban Forces from the Somali-Ethiopian Campaign (NIO/AF:OSR) 16 May
- O. Egypt's Water Problems and Use of Computer Simulation Model to Assess Future Alternative Water Management Strategies (OGCR)
- P. Soviet Actions to Cope with Their Economic Difficulties (OER) Late June
- Q. Soviet Ship Deployments (NOSIC)
- R. Soviet Performance During the Cosmos 954 Event (OWI:ORPA)

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- B. Soviet Policy in Africa
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- D. Protected Villages in Rhodesia
- E. Refugee Resettlement in Thailand

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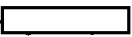
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## TENTATIVE MAJOR TOPIC PREPARATION SCHEDULE

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Backup Material to DCI on:</u>	<u>DCI/NFAC Meeting on:</u>	<u>Presidential Briefing on:</u>
10 April	International Oil Market	(None)	SIGINT (NSA) NIE 4-1-78 ASAT Vulnerability
17 April	NIE 11-4-78 SE Asia	International Oil Market	Operations Briefing (DDO) Deliver President's Quarterly Report
24 April	Greece & Turkey	SE Asia	International Oil Market
1 May	Africa's Sahel Belt Military Lessons of Soviet & Cuban Involvement in the Horn	Greece & Turkey	NIE 11-4-78
8 May	China	Africa's Sahel Belt	Greek-Turkish Relations
15 May	Nicaraguan Politics	China	Africa's Sahel Belt Military Lessons of Soviet & Cuban Involvement in the Horn
22 May	?	?	China

Filler material will be available on the following topics:

- Soviet Forced Labor
- Covert Communications
- Monitoring a CW Ban
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- Soviet Launch on Warning Capability
- Estimating SLBM Effectiveness
- Soviet Fishing Off US Coast

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